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SHAPE CHANGE IN THE ATLAS WITH CONGENITAL MIDLINE NONUNION
OF ITS POSTERIOR ARCH: A MORPHOMETRIC GEOMETRIC STUDY

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND CONTEXT: congenital midline nonunion of the posterior arch of the atlas is a
developmental variant present at a frequency ranging from 0.7% to 3.9%. Most of the
reported cases correspond to incidental findings during routine medical examination. In cases
of posterior nonunion, hypertrophy of the anterior arch and cortical bone thickening of the

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